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Office: Memphis

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
"The Patriot"

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis: WILLIAM LYCURGUS SPINKS, described by Shelby County, Tenn. neighbor as "con man." SPINKS on interview denied any connection with "The Patriot." Claimed unable to recall source of cartoons used in his book "Hell and Integration." Said he was trying to form a conservative state's rights organization called American Liberty League. Sources Clarksdale, Miss. have no knowledge of trips of PAUL CLARK to Louisville, Ky. LAWRENCE THOMAS MAY, JR. of Waltham, Mass. says he has had no further contact with anyone connected with "The Patriot."

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DETAILS: On September 4, 1960, C. F. EASLEY, barber, 5371 Highway 51N, Shelby County, Tennessee, just north of Memphis City Limits, advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE that he is a neighbor of WILLIAM LYCURGUS SPINKS, who lives at 5367 Highway 51N, upstairs over the Woodstock Restaurant. This restaurant, which he said was primarily a "beer joint," is operated by a woman using the name Mrs. B. L. GARDNER; that SPINKS has been living out of wedlock with GARDNER at the above address for about the past nine months.

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WILLIAM LYCURGUS SPINKS, who stated he is also known as Dr. LYCURGUS SPINKS, during interview stated as follows: 8/18/84

He is seventy-six years of age, a native of the South, and is a retired lecturer, orator and Baptist preacher. *Tenn.*

He currently resides upstairs over the Woodstock Restaurant which he said is primarily a "beer joint," and which is operated by a Mrs. B. L. GARDNER, with whom SPINKS lives as man and wife.

SPINKS volunteered that during the 1920's and early 1930's he was a leading member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and that he again became active in the Klan in the 1940's when it tried to reactivate. He claimed that due to petty financial bickering and lack of specific purpose he severed all relations with the Klan movement.

SPINKS said he had been living in the Millington, Tennessee area of Shelby County, Tennessee for about the past ten years; that he helped to form the Millington Chamber of Commerce and formerly edited and published the "Millington Star" newspaper, a weekly publication.

SPINKS described himself as an arch conservative constitutional Democrat and fundamentalist Baptist. He added that he plans to devote his remaining years to writing and talking, to those who will listen, in an effort to convince people that the Congress of the United States must, through its legislative powers, return this country to the principles laid down in the Federal Constitution and to put this country on a solid financial basis.

He explained that he is an avid reader and student of political and domestic affairs; that he is firmly convinced that the ills of this country are caused by the world Communist movement and the world Zionist movement.

He claimed that history shows that the Zionist movement, made up of many of the world Jews, helped the original Bolshevik movement in Russia to overthrow the Czar in Russia and to establish what later became the Communist International Movement.

He said that in his opinion the world Zionist movement has no loyalty to any one country other than Israel; that this

On 9-15-60 at Memphis, Tennessee

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SAS JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. and
by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE: FJ

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Zionist movement through its control of world financial institutions control the destiny of this country, for all practical purposes.

~~SPINKS~~ said that a few months ago he published a book entitled "Hell and Integration," showing him to be the author. In this book he said he hoped to convince the reader that the enemies of this country are the international Communists and the Zionist Jewish movement.

He explained that he is not anti-Semitic, but is anti-Zionist.

He said that for the purpose of publishing the book he adopted the name "The Patriot Publishing Company," with a return address of P. O. Box 127, Millington, Tennessee, located just north of Memphis.

SPINKS was queried as to any connection on his part with, or knowledge of, the organization which in the past has circulated prolific writings under the pen name "The Patriot." He denied that he has ever had, or presently has, any connection with this group, claiming to have no idea as to the identity of its leadership or membership.

He did state that about a year or so ago he unsolicitedly received through the mails in an envelope postmarked Memphis, some miscellaneous "hate" type printed material signed with the printed pen name "The Patriot."

SPINKS said he had since destroyed this material, said he had no idea as to its source, said he has not been contacted in person by anyone who has given him any reason to believe he is connected with "The Patriot."

With regard to the cartoons appearing in SPINKS' book, "Hell and Integration," SPINKS said that he has had these cartoons for a long time and could not recall their original source.

He explained that the entire contents of his book are all "borrowed," explaining that his book is a composite of excerpts from many writings.

SPINKS claimed that the name, "The Patriot Publishing Company" was adopted by him to utilize in publishing his book.

He said that he is now toying with the idea of forming an educational type or "paper" type organization which will publish

various documents supporting the constitutional form of government of the United States.

He said that he will probably call this new organization the American Liberty League and will cease using the name "The Patriot Publishing Company."